

BILL NO. BL2018-1160 (HURT & O'CONNELL) – This ordinance would approve a temporary “Special Event Zone” for the downtown area, in conjunction with the 2018 CMA Music Fest which is scheduled June 6 - 11, 2018.

The Special Event Zone established under this ordinance would consist of four areas. Area 1 would extend from 1st Ave to Rosa L Parks Blvd, and from Korean Veterans Blvd to Commerce Street, with an extension from Commerce Street to Church Street along 2nd and 1st Ave North. Area 2 would extend from the East side of the Woodland Street Bridge to Interstate Drive, between South 1st Street and Russell Street. Area 3 would contain the John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge from 3rd Ave South to South Second Street. Area 4 would contain the Woodland Street Bridge, from 1st Ave North to South 1st Street.

Activity restrictions within the Special Event Zone would begin at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, and end at midnight (12:00) on Monday, June 11, 2018.

Activities on public property or in the public right-of-way within the Special Event Zone are regulated as follows:

1. The sale of any food, beverages, goods, or merchandise would be prohibited on the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, and rights-of-way, except for street vendors with valid vending licenses issued pursuant to Section 13.08.040 of the Metro Code of Laws.
2. Alcoholic beverages provided, served, or sold from any temporary outdoor use would be prohibited
3. The sale or distribution of merchandise pertaining to CMA Fest, where it is apparent such merchandise is not licensed by CMA, regardless of whether the vendor is operating with a valid license or permit, would be prohibited.
4. No tents or membrane structures of any kind would be authorized, except for those sanctioned and authorized by CMA or Metro.
5. The construction, placement, occupation, or use of any temporary structure would be prohibited, except for those sanctioned and authorized by CMA.
6. The distribution, promotional give-away activity, or provision of free products, services, or coupons by persons or entities that are not event sponsors officially sanctioned or authorized by CMA would be prohibited, except within the Public Participation Area.

This ordinance would establish at least one Public Participation Area within the Special Event Zone while the zone is in effect. This Area would allow for the reasonable expression by the public in a manner that is not disruptive to the 2018 CMA Fest, activities, and events.

This ordinance closely resembles Ordinance No. BL2014-687 which authorized a similar “Special Event Zone” in conjunction with the 2014 NCAA Women’s Final Four basketball tournament held in Nashville in April 2014.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance places restrictions on the activities that would be allowed to take place within the special event zone during the 2018 CMA Music Fest. However, no additional Metro personnel or overtime would be required just for the enforcement of these restrictions.